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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 18, 2006, for which a response is due on or before January 18, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and request reconsideration of the present application.